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Office Action Summary

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GIL ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 December 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-9,12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being obvious over Sharpe III et al (6,012,961 A).

2. As per claim 1, Sharpe discloses a story-telling doll [Sharpe, A electronic toy 10, Fig 1] comprising:

(a) a doll body [Sharpe, toy 36, Fig 3];

(b) a processing system including at least one digital processor, said processing system being contained within said body [Sharpe, microcontroller 18a, Fig 2];

(c) a programmable data storage device associated with said processing system and contained within said body [Sharpe, program data 14, Fig 2];

(d) an audio output device associated with said processing system and contained within said body [Sharpe, output device 16, Fig 2];

(e) at least one user-operable switch manually operable by manipulation of at least open region of said body, said at least one switch being operative to provide an input signal to said processing system [Sharpe, switch 28A, Fig 2]; and

(f) a communication unit associated with said processing system and contained within said body [Sharpe, PC 20, Fig 2], said communications unit being configured operable

under control of said processing unit in response to said input signal to:

(i) initiate a data communications link via a general purpose communications network with a remote content provider source [Sharpe, modem, 96, Fig 4],

(ii) transmit to the remote content provider a request for download of at least one data file including audio content [Sharpe, download, col 5 line 9], and

(iii) receive the at least one data file including audio content from the remote content provider [Sharpe, sound, col 5 line 36],

wherein the processor system is operative to save the at least one data file in said storage device and subsequently to play said audio content read from said at least one data file via said audio output device [Sharpe, audio, video fiels, col 6 line 61].

3. As per claim 2, Sharpe discloses a modem [Sharpe, modem, 96, Fig 4],

4. As per claim 3, Sharpe discloses a PSTN [Sharpe, switching network, col 7 line 64].

5. As per claim 4, Sharpe discloses cellular network [Sharpe, wireless network, col 7 line 61].

6. As per claim 5, Sharpe discloses a socket [Sharpe, port 24, Fig 2].

7. As per claim 6, Sharpe discloses option for download [Sharpe, download, col 5 line 9].

8. As per claim 7, Sharpe discloses a switch manually operable by manipulation of a limb of the doll body [Sharpe, body part, col 6 line 20].

9. As per claim 8 Sharpe discloses a switch manually operable by manipulation of a

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head of the doll body [Sharpe, body part, col 6 line 20].

10. As per claim 9, Sharpe discloses a button [Sharpe, button switch 28A, Fig 2].

11. Claim 12 contains identical limitations set forth in claim 1. Therefore claim 12 is rejected for the same rationale set forth in claim 1.

12. As per claims 13-15, Sharpe discloses a content type or category [Sharpe, text input, col 9 line 54].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharpe III et al (6,012,961 A) in view of Rifkin et al (5,873,765 A).

13. As per claim 10, Sharpe does not disclose a rechargeable battery. Rifkin taught a toy with a battery power [Rifkin, col 4 line 7]

Therefor it would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the toy with battery as taught by Rifkin into the Sharpe 's apparatus in order to utilize the toy.

Doing so would provide the toy with power source to simulate the audio program

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and movement.

14. As per claim 11, Sharpe-Rifkin disclose a connector as inherent feature of battery.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner *Thong Vu*, whose telephone number is (571)-272-3333. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00AM- 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Failed Lynn*, can be reached at (571) 272-2092. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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